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Medical Education.

The changes of the past 25 years in medical education have been nothing short of a revolution, and yet at a conference of medical educators in Chicago it was stated by one delegate that three-fourths of the graduates were unfit to practice medicine. The condition of medical education in this country 30 years ago was almost beyond belief. There were medical colleges in Chicago that graduated two classes a year. In a single town in northern Illinois nine men were practicing medicine, of whom two had diplomas and the rest were druggists, ex-hospital stewards from the army and men who had taken one course of lectures. The immediate result of the enactment of the medical practice act was the departure of 1,400 practitioners from the state, some of whom completed their medical studies, but most of them practiced where there was not so much law. At a conference in Chicago the other day, says the Philadelphia Record, Dr. Means, chairman of the judicial council of the Association of American Medical Colleges, said that the average man admitted to practice was deficient in knowledge of bacteriology, chemistry, physiology and anatomy. Fifty-eight per cent. of the men in 25 states who fail at their final examination pass a few weeks later. "In the few days intervening where do they get their knowledge? They don't get it." They simply learn the answers to the questions, and the same questions are asked them at the re-examination. Evidently the reform of medical education, although much has been done, is not yet complete.

Antiquities have to give way to the needs of the present. The Egyptian council of ministers has approved the plan for raising the Assuan dam across the Nile, a change that will increase by two and a half times the amount of water that can be stored in the irrigation reservoir. The raising of the dam will result in the submerging of the island of Philae and the flooding of the ruins of the temples. The island itself is a small granite rock about a thousand feet long and 500 feet wide. It was the scene of the worship of the goddess Isis. Many pilgrims from various parts of the ancient world visited the shrine when the religion of Isis was most widely spread. The worshippers of other gods built temples near that of Isis, so that there appeared on the small island a splendid collection of examples of the best architecture of the various periods in which they were erected. The enlarged dam will make possible an annual increase of the cotton crop of Egypt amounting to between \$18,000,000 and \$20,000,000 in value.

Encourage the Young Poet.

Every man, woman and child should write poetry. It is like bolts, it prevents worse sickness. If there were more poets there would be fewer criminals. Poetry is in every man's blood. If he doesn't write it at some time or another during his life watch out for him. His wild oats are unsown; they will rot in his system and sour his nature. Write poetry, therefore, so long as there is a jingle in your soul, exclaims the Emporia (Kan.) Gazette. The man who would advise coking up poetry unwritten in a human heart would soon have all the world full of brain storms and the devil to pay. It's a great business, this poetry business. And the man who hasn't had his fling with love and dove and spring and wing and skids and eyes and true and you and girl and pearl and lips and sips and honey drops (inspired and guaranteed absolutely pure) is like the man who died aged 72 years without being hungry—he missed a lot of fun filling up.

A number of years back a burly western Kansas man gave his nephew, a lad of 15 years, an unmerited chastising. The boy promised his assailant a like compliment when he became a man, and he did not forget the words uttered in the heat of passion. The uncle was about his duties on the farm one day last winter when a husky six-footer came up and gave him a glorious thumping. It was the 15-year-old nephew, who he was six years older. Then the uncle sued for \$1,000 for personal injuries inflicted. An unsympathetic jury couldn't see it that way and he took the case to the supreme court. Last week that august body handed down a decision affirming the lower court's decision.

It is said that eagles sometimes go up 50,000 feet into the air, but how anyone can prove it is a mystery. Anyway, one of these birds has been known to rise from the ground and fly almost directly up and disappear from sight within three minutes.

A man going to his wedding fell asleep on the train, was carried past the town where the bride was, and had to get off at the next town and travel back. He won't do to tie to, remarks the Ohio State Journal.

It would be well for the common or garden variety of pedestrian to take lessons in reading automobile numbers while standing on his head or with his body at various unusual angles, so that he will be able to tell the police the number of the car that hit him.

During the month of February 1,125,173 bushels of potatoes were shipped from Aroostock county, Maine, making a total crop of 1906 and up to February 28, 1907, of 7,678,873 bushels.

TURNED SOMERSAULT

AND FOUR OF THE OCCUPANTS OF BOAT MET DEATH.

FIFTH MAN FLOATED IN ICY WATER

For Hours Until Picked Up By a Tug and Carried to Shore—Was Unconscious When Rescued.

New York, June 3.—Four men lost their lives and the fifth suffered an experience such as few men have lived through in the wreck of the sloop Belle of Brooklyn, off Norwalk, Ct., in the gale Sunday. Edward Auth, of Saratoga avenue, Brooklyn, joint owner of the vessel, with his brother Jacob, saw his companions, including his brother and brother-in-law, slip one by one from the bottom of the overturned sloop, and with a word of farewell sink below the turbulent waves never to appear again.

After Edward Auth had lashed himself to the stern of the wrecked craft with a short rope, he became unconscious from exposure and sank back to meet the fate of the others. The rope held him floating on the surface with his face just out of the water, and hours later, almost as a corpse, he was picked up by the tug Wyoming and taken to New Haven.

It was not until Allen gave a slight sign that a flickering spark of life remained in his body that he was taken into the warmth of the tug's engine room, and then through vigorous treatment and the administration of powerful stimulants he was kept alive until the boat had won its race with death to the harbor and he was sent to a hospital.

In barely audible gasps Auth told of the wreck of the Belle and of the fate of his companions, and then again lapsed into unconsciousness, and was hovering on the boundary line between himself and his companions of the wreck.

Edward Auth, his brother Jacob, his brother-in-law, August Jaeger; George Glasen and Otto Pfeiffer were the crew of the sloop.

The sloop was 25 feet long and had a five-horsepower motor auxiliary engine. She left Brooklyn Thursday for a cruise. There was a heavy sea off Norwalk, but the engine held the boat to her course.

Suddenly the engine failed and the Belle was completely at the mercy of wind and wave. Edward Auth realized the danger, and with the boat rolling heavily worked desperately with all his skill at his command to repair the crippled engine. While he was bending to his task a high wave caught the Belle and threw her a complete backward somersault, and the five were thrown into the cold water of the sound. Assisting one another they all managed to reach the overturned boat, but were washed off, all but Auth, who managed to catch hold of a line which saved him. Jaeger leaves a widow and two small children.

ONE SHOT FIRED BY SON

Killed Jaycock, Who Had Dragged Invalid Wife Out of Bed.

Chicago, Ill., June 3.—Awakened from sound sleep by the screams of his sick mother, who was being beaten by her drunken husband, William Jaycock, of Daggett, Menominee county, Mich., seized a 22-caliber rifle and sent a bullet crashing through his father's brain. The man died instantly. The father was attempting to stab his eldest son, who protected his mother. The father had dragged his wife from bed by the hair. The boy was arrested, but probably will not be prosecuted.

Two Children Suffocated.

St. Paul, Minn., June 3.—During the absence of their parents two children of Samuel Coplovich were suffocated to death in a fire that started in their home, and a third fatally injured. The fire did not amount to much, but when the house was entered two children were found dead and the third so overcome that there are no hopes for its life.

Passenger Train Wrecked.

San Antonio, Tex., June 3.—One man instantly killed and a score of persons injured, some of whom will die, is the result of the wrecking of eastbound passenger train No. 8 two miles west of Losler. The derailling was the result either of train wreckers or defective steel, though the precise cause of had not been determined up to a late hour.

Sailboat Overturned.

New Orleans, La., June 3.—Capt. C. L. McGinn, commander of the United States dredge *Barnard*, was drowned by the overturning of a sailboat, in which were half a dozen other men. Dr. H. B. Seibold, in trying to save him, narrowly escaped being drawn under by the drowning man.

Fire in Steamer Department.

New York, June 3.—Fire was discovered in the steamer department of the huge White Star line steamship *Oceanic*, which is now in her dock in this city. Only members of the crew were on board. It is thought the damage will reach \$10,000.

Several Injured.

St. Louis, June 3.—Rock Island passenger train bound for Kansas City was wrecked near Leslie and several passengers were injured. The tender jumped the track and turned over three coaches.

Two Trainmen Killed.

Neosho, Mo., June 3.—A Kansas City Southern passenger train was wrecked half a mile from the station. Foreman, Pepper, of Pittsburg, Kan., and Frank Flinn, baggage checker, of Joplin, Mo., were killed. Several passengers were slightly injured.

Mistaken For a Bird.

New York, June 3.—Mistaking his companion's hat for a bird while they were on a shooting on the Palisades Mortimer Seaman, 18 years old, shot and almost instantly killed Martin L. Winter, aged 16.

CHILDREN AND SERVANTS DIE

IN FIRE DESTROYING THE ROTHS CHILD MANSION.

Heroic Governess Badly Burned, But Lives—Wife of Magnate Schiffer Enveloped in Flames.

Long Branch, June 1.—The two daughters of Walter A. Schiffer, secretary of the United Cigar Manufacturers' Co., of New York city—Marion, aged 10, and Ruth, aged 14, and two servants, Mary Diller and Tilly Monahan—were burned to death in a fire which in the night destroyed the handsome residence of Jacob Rothschild, which Schiffer had rented. In attempting to rescue her children Mrs. Schiffer was so severely burned as to be in a critical condition, and Schiffer suffered severe burns in fighting the fire.

Two guests of Mr. and Mrs. Schiffer, Dr. Citroen and M. Breier, were also seriously burned. In jumping from a window John Irlene, the butler, suffered a fracture of his left arm and his back was injured.

Mrs. Holt, the governess, suffered several severe burns in trying to save the children in her care, and Kate McMurray and Josephine Hotman, servants, were injured by jumping from the windows.

Mr. Schiffer and his two guests remained down stairs to fight the fire while Mrs. Schiffer ran upstairs to spread the alarm and to see that her children reached safety. On reaching the door of the room occupied by the children Mrs. Schiffer was overcome by smoke and fell. Mrs. Holt, the governess, found her there and dragged her to a window. Before she received the house had become filled with smoke, and in the confusion which followed no one of the family was able to reach the room occupied by the children.

Mrs. Schiffer fled from the house with her clothing on fire and was rolled on the damp grass of the lawn to extinguish the blaze.

FOUR DIE

And Several May Follow as the Result of Open Gas Pipes.

St. Louis, Mo., June 1.—Three persons were killed by asphyxiation and another was overcome in a Lawton avenue rooming house in the night. The dead are Joseph B. Gable and wife, Ilin Gable, and Daniel Dwyer, who occupied a room adjoining that in which the Gables slept.

The police found a metal cap to an unused gas pipe in Gable's room. They have not determined how it became detached from the pipe.

Joseph Maxwell was found dead from asphyxiation in his room in a Hogan street house. John Jantos is in a critical condition at the city hospital. He was found Friday morning in his room in an Elm street lodging house. The gas jet was partially turned on.

Driver Was Intoxicated.

New Orleans, June 1.—Several sections of New Orleans are under from one to four feet of water, owing to heavy rains. Nearly all rain water has to be pumped out of the city streets because of the low level of the land, and although big underground ditches and an expensive pumping plant has been established, the rainfall is so unprecedented that the pumps can not handle it.

Shot Himself in the Head.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 1.—While being taken to the district attorney's office in the company of two of the officials of the Pacific Screen Co., by whom he was charged with the embezzlement of \$2,000, Thomas Motion, a collector, drew a revolver and shot himself in the head, inflicting a fatal wound. His action was so quick that the men beside him could not interfere.

"Quake" Recorded.

Albany, N. Y., June 1.—A slight earthquake was recorded by the seismograph at the state museum. The first shock came at 8 a. m. and the maximum disturbance at 8:12 a. m. The vibrations persisted for nearly an hour. The earthquake, it was stated, seems to have had its origin about 3,500 miles away.

Barrel Works Erupted.

Titusville, Pa., June 1.—Fire broke out in the Harris barrel works, burned over a section of about eight acres and caused a damage of about \$100,000. The water works had been shut down for repairs and a delay of half an hour in restoring pressure is said to have caused the large loss.

Boy's Fate Explained.

Bemidji, Minn., June 1.—What gave indications of remaining an unsolved mystery was cleared up by the finding of the dead body of "Nickle" Shepherd, the 6-year-old son of John Shepherd, of Solway, who disappeared from home a week ago. It is supposed the boy died from exposure.

Killed By Pitched Ball.

Little Falls, Minn., June 1.—William Steth, 20 years old, was killed by being hit in the head with a pitched ball.

Fell Down a Shaft.

Salt Lake, June 1.—George L. Moats, manager of the Four Metals Mining Co., was killed by falling 100 feet down a shaft at Dunaway. It was two hours before the body was recovered, as the bad air had to be pumped out of the shaft to make safe the work of rescue.

We Are Not Involved.

Washington, June 1.—A dispatch at the state department from American consul Padlock, at Amoy, China, says the dissatisfaction in Southern China is spreading. It is said that American interests are not yet involved.

Seven Loggers Drowned.

Doise, Ida., June 1.—While attempting to make a landing above the rapids in the Payette river 12 miles from Garden valley, seven loggers were drowned. The two boats which they were using were carried over the rapids and swamped.

Aeronauts Missing.

London, June 1.—The fate of the two lieutenants of engineers, who ascended from Althorpe in a military balloon May 28, during the review in honor of Prince Fushimi, of Japan, still remains a mystery.

CRASHED INTO CAR,

KILLING FOUR AND MAIMING 11 PASSENGERS.

MOTORMAN OF TROLLEY VANISHED.

Frightful Collision on Line Near Elyria (Ohio) in Broad Daylight.

Elyria, O., May 31.—A rear-end collision between traction cars on Middle avenue, this city, caused the death of four persons and the injury of 11 others, some of whom may not live until morning.

The dead: Henry Billings, aged 64 years; W. C. Allen, aged 65 years, Lake Shore claim agent; William Sala, aged 5 years, son of Rev. J. P. Sala; Ed. O'Donnell, aged 60.

The injured: Marguerite Butler, aged 17 years; one foot off and the other crushed; Mabel Dean, South Amherst, will die; Charles Porter, aged 30 years, will die; Leslie Porter, less cut off; Emma W. Wurst, Elyria, will die; Arthur Hoadley, Elyria, both legs gone, will probably die; Mrs. Leslie Carlisle, one leg gone, condition serious; Miss Fulton, Elyria, legs cut off; Miss Supper, legs cut off; Miss Dalia, Elyria, internal injuries; George Chamberlain, Perry, O., both legs gone; Mrs. J. P. Sala, seriously injured; Homer Allen, one foot gone and arm broken, condition serious; W. S. Avery, conductor, seriously injured.

The two cars concerned in the accident ran as first and second sections of the Cleveland & Southwestern and the Columbus, Wellington & Cleveland cars, which leave Elyria depot at 6. The first car was in charge of Motorman Warner and Conductor Avery and the second in charge of Motorman Froey and Conductor Williams.

Crowded With Holiday Throng.

The first car was crowded with a holiday throng, and the second, which had just left the barns, was empty. The accident occurred in broad daylight in the middle of a boulevard a mile long without a turn in it. The first car stopped at Fifth street to permit passengers to alight, and the second car, which was running close to it, and at a high rate of speed, crashed into it from the rear.

The heavy steel bumper on the front of the rear car sheared the crowded vestibule just above the floor, crushing the feet and limbs of the victims and in many cases cutting them entirely in two.

The similarity of injuries is remarkable. Scarcely a victim has a mark above the knee. Scarcely one but will lose at least one foot.

The scene of carnage after the wreck was sickening. Feet, legs and blood lay strewn with the scattered splinters of the vestibule. Only those who were on the rear platform or in the doorway suffered. Even those in the rear seats escaped without injury.

Motorman Frandi, who was in charge of the rear car, and who disappeared immediately after the wreck, was encountered five blocks from the wreck only a few minutes after it happened, and placed under arrest. He is charged with manslaughter. Immediately after the wreck Judge C. G. Washburn announced that a special grand jury will convene the first thing in the morning to attempt to fix the blame for the catastrophe.

Judge Washburn's own son, 5 years of age, was reported at first as one of the victims of the wreck, but he escaped unhurt.

DECK CRUMBLING IN

When Steamer Arrived in Port With Her Cargo On Fire.

Hamilton, Bermuda, May 31.—The British steamer *Boniface*, from Galveston May 22, for Liverpool, loaded with cotton and carrying nine passengers, eight of whom are women, arrived at Bermuda with her cargo on fire.

The flames were discovered May 26, when the vessel was 700 miles from Bermuda. The hatches were battered down, and the *Boniface* was headed for these islands.

Fell Out of Car Window.

Dubuque, Ia., May 31.—The 5-year-old son of a woman named Kate Mantinelli fell out of a car window on the Illinois Central west-bound limited, running 50-miles an hour, between Peosta and Epworth, while his mother was asleep and was found walking on the track near there a few hours later by the crew of an east-bound train. Except for a slight cut on the face the boy was unhurt.

Schreck Won in 21 Rounds.

Tonopah, Nev., May 31.—Mike Schreck won his finish battle with Marvin Hart in the early part of the 21st round, Hart's seconds tossing up the towel in token of defeat. Hart broke his right hand in the sixth.

Chinese Rebels Killed.

Canton, China, May 31.—A severe engagement has occurred between the provincial troops and a body of rebels, resulting in a victory for the former. The rebels lost more than a hundred men killed and the government forces captured the rebel leader.

Barrington Must Hang.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 31.—The supreme court declared that "Lord" Frederick Seymour Barrington, now in jail at Clayton, Mo., shall be hanged on July 25 for the murder of J. P. McCann, the St. Louis horseman.

Forty Thousand Idle.

San Francisco, May 31.—According to the figures based on an investigation conducted by Harbor Commissioner Stafford there are approximately 40,000 persons idle in San Francisco as the direct result of the existing labor troubles.

Kills Himself to Please Intellect. Boston, May 31.—"My body wanted to live, my intellect wanted to die. My intellect won out," read a note found in the pocket of Herman Unger, of Pittsburg, who committed suicide by taking morphine at Clark's Hotel.

A PLEA FOR CHANGE OF VENUE

ENTERED BY ACCUSED—A FAIR TRIAL IMPOSSIBLE IN NELSON.

Says Judge Loving, and Declares That Half the Population is Related to Family of His Victim.

Lynchburg, Va., May 29.—At Lynchburg, the county seat of Nelson county, Judge W. G. Loving, who formerly presided over the same court, was indicted for the murder of Theodore Estes, a son of Sheriff Estes, following the alleged mistreatment of Miss Elizabeth Loving, daughter of the accused. An application for a change of venue was made by the defense on account of local conditions, and this was argued for more than six hours, at the close of which the Court adjourned until Wednesday morning, when the decision will be handed down.

Judge W. R. Barksdale, of the Halifax circuit court, is presiding in place of Judge Gordon, who asked to be relieved because of personal reasons. There is no doubt but the unwritten law will be invoked, and that the case will command more attention than any case in the Virginia courts in the past decade. There seems to be no doubt but the motion for a change of venue will be granted, and it is believed the case will be sent to this city for trial.

It is alleged that there were only 20 families living at the county seat, and that one half of them were connected with the Estes; that there are only two hotels in which the jury could be kept, both operated by bitter partisans of the Estes family, and that it would be impossible to lock a jury up there without it being exposed to subtle influences against him. He believes he is innocent and would be acquitted upon a fair and full investigation, and to obtain this was the object of the application for a change of venue.

A number of other affidavits were read and filed as a portion of the record substantiating that of Judge Loving and showing that efforts have been made to have witnesses for the defense change statements that would be helpful to the defense. The application for bail was readily granted by Judge Barksdale, and the surety in penalty of \$10,000 was furnished by Judge John D. Horsley, of this city, a prominent attorney at law and division counsel for the Southern Railway Co. from the rear.

TORPEDO BLOWS CAR FROM RAILS

Two Badly and a Score of Others Slightly Injured.

Chicago, May 29.—Two men were badly injured by broken glass and a score of others sustained slight injuries when a street car on the Calumet electric railway was blown from the tracks by a torpedo. The car was crowded with men, and in a panic that ensued many were thrown down and trampled.

A rumor, which found considerable credence, was that the torpedo was planted with the original design of blowing prospective passengers on the gambling boat City of Traverse, whose landing place was about a block away, the theory advanced being that it was planted either by religious fanatics or by rivals of the City of Traverse crowd.

Schooner Sunk By Lightning.

Pensacola, Fla., May 23.—Information has just reached here from the navy yard of the sinking there early Monday during an electrical storm of the schooner *William Smith*, bound from Key West to Pensacola. The vessel was struck by lightning, which threw one of the masts to the deck, tore the clothing off a member of the crew as he was hurrying a box of dynamite over board, and, passing down an open hatch, splintered the bottom of the vessel. The schooner sank at once, the crew escaping in lifeboats. The *Smith* was loaded with wrecking apparatus, including the box of dynamite.

Found Boy's Body in Pond.

Worcester, Mass., May 29.—Chester R. Proctor, a 12-year-old Pittsburg boy, was repimanded by his school teacher for some boyish prank, and as a punishment she wrote a note to his parents and sent him home. Chester did not go home, and on the edge of Putnam Pond his father found the note of reprimand from his teacher, and later discovered the body of his son floating upon the water.

Killed One; Wounded the Other.

Rawlins, Wyo., May 29.—Believing that her husband was about to be killed by his two infuriated partners, with whom he was engaged in a desperate battle, with knives, beer glasses and other missiles, Mrs. Mattie Ringwood shot and killed one of the men, A. Davis, and fatally wounded Webb Stone, the second. The shooting occurred in a saloon here.

102 Years Old.

Pans, Ill., May 29.—Dr. W. T. Linn, a prominent physician here for years, celebrated the 102nd anniversary of his birth by entertaining 500 guests at a dinner. He is hale and hearty.

\$500,000,000 Syndicate.

Phoenix, Ariz., May 29.—Articles of incorporation of the "United States syndicate," the capital stock of which is \$500,000,000, were filed. The purpose of the company is to build a railroad to connect North and South America.

Will Plead Guilty.

Washington, May 29.—Attorney-General Bonaparte intimated that some of the officials of the Honduras Lottery Co., in Delaware will soon plead guilty, thus obviating proceedings against them.

Trial Will Be Held On Train.

Omaha, Neb., May 29.—In order to prevent his being lynched by neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Coppel, who he murdered at their home in Thurston county, Loris R. Higgins will be given his preliminary hearing on a fast train guarded by officers.

Tennesseean In Trouble.

New Haven, May 29.—Rufus Guy Baldwin, aged 23, a Yale graduate, was arrested on the charge of passing a worthless check on the university. He was released on \$500 bail. He lives in Fayetteville, Tenn.



A GANG OF NEGRO THIEVES.

They Are Broken Up by the Daring of a Boy Recruit.

It was the first day of April, 1862, that Company B, Ninth Kansas cavalry, commanded by Capt. A. C. Allen, was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and were ordered to Atchison, Kan., on provost duty. After the company arrived at Atchison and went into comfortable quarters for the night, the situation had been carefully canvassed and the trouble fully investigated. It was found that a large number of negroes in that vicinity were missing and that a band of bushwhackers had a rendezvous about 15 miles east of Atchison, at one time a great slave plantation, who were suspected of gathering them up for the purpose of taking them into Texas and there to sell them as slaves.

On the 19th day of March, 1862, Capt. A. C. Allen swore in two recruits who had come in from the far western part of the state of Kansas, known as the Hegwer brothers.

On the 31st day of May, says the National Tribune, Capt. Allen sent for the younger brother, Henry, who was but 17 years old and very small for his age, not over five feet five inches tall, weighed only a little over 100 pounds and looked to be not over 14 years old, as no one would have taken him for a soldier. Neither would anyone have believed him to have had the amount of experience that he had gone through. He had crossed the plains in '59 and also in '60, fought Indians



The Guards Showed Fight at the Beginning.

at different times, hunted buffaloes and wolves and was accustomed to all kinds of hardships.

The captain informed him that he had a very important and dangerous duty to perform, and wanted to know if he had the courage to undertake a task of that kind. Young Hegwer said that "if it was in the line of duty as a soldier, that when he enlisted he did not expect to shirk any of the duties that were required of him, and that he was ready to undertake anything that was possible.

The next morning young Hegwer was seen crossing the Missouri river on a ferryboat, making his way in a northeasterly direction, so that he would arrive from the north when he got to the plantation; that there would be no suspicion that he had been sent from Atchison. His disguise was perfect. No one would suspect him as being a soldier. It was almost dark and raining when he arrived at the old plantation. When he got to the gate he was met by an old gray-haired man about 70 years old, very pleasant and polite. Young Hegwer bade him the time of day, and inquired if it would be possible for him to stay all night, that he was very tired, wet and hungry, and that he had come a long way that day and was not able to go much farther.

Young Hegwer stated that his folks lived in Doniphan county, Kan., immediately west of St. Joseph, Mo.; that his oldest brother was with the rebel Gen. Price, somewhere in southern Missouri; that his father was dead and his mother was rather cross to him, and that he had run away from home. That pleased the old gentleman very much, and he took a very hearty laugh over it. He took him to the house, gave him something to eat.

That night about ten o'clock came a couple of men with a mule team. Hegwer went out and helped them to put up the team. There were some empty boxes and cans in the wagon that indicated milk, bread and food had been in them. The leader of the two asked the old gentleman, "Who's that strip of a boy you got there?"

He answered, and told him the story that young Hegwer had given him.

The next morning when Hegwer got up he found no one on the plantation but the old man and an oldish lady, apparently his wife and an old negro man and negro woman. Jack and Mike had got up early, left the place on horseback and returned again about three o'clock in the afternoon.

The next morning it was the same thing over again; they returned about the same time, loaded the wagon and drove off in the same direction. The next morning Jack and Mike left the same as before. When three o'clock

came they did not return; four o'clock came and still they were not there. The old man was getting very nervous. He chewed his tobacco much faster and he spit his juice much farther and talked much louder. He finally came up to young Hegwer and said in a trembling voice:

"I reckon you and I will have to take that food to them niggers. Jack and Mike must have got into some sorter trouble."

They started with the wagon, as it had already been loaded and prepared to go. They drove in the same direction through the woods, until finally they came into sight of a dim light a short distance ahead of them. They came to a bayou about 20 feet wide with a foot bridge across it. There the old gentleman stopped, got out of the wagon and went in the direction of the light. In a short time he returned, another with him, and introduced young Hegwer to him as a new member of the gang. They each gathered in some of the boxes and cans and started in the direction of the light. Young Hegwer was bound to see it all; tied the mules to a tree, gathered up a box and followed them.

To his great surprise, the found what he was looking for. A large log cabin about 50 feet long, 20 feet wide, with about 40 negro men and women and boys 24 or 15 years old, all chained to the walls, their chains fastened round their ankles, lying on beds of straw with some covers.